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1. HERewith FULL TEXT WASHINGTON POST FRONT-PAGE
THOMAS W. LIPPMANN BY-LINER HEADED, "U.S. WARNING PAKISTAN
ON NUCLEAR PLANT."

2. LAHORE, PAKISTAN, AUG. 8- U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE
HENRY A. KISSINGER FLEW HERE TODAY TO WARN PAKISTAN THAT
IT RISKS LOSING ALL AMERICAN ECONOMIC AND MILITARY AID IF
IT GOES AHEAD WITH THE PURCHASE OF A NUCLEAR FUEL REPRO-
CESSING PLANT FROM FRANCE.

3. AMERICAN OFFICIALS ALSO HINTED THAT THE UNITED STATES
MIGHT BLOCK THE POSSIBLE SALE TO PAKISTAN OF U.S. A-7
LIGHT ATTACK BOMBERS UNLESS KISSINGER RECEIVES ASSURANCES
THAT PAKISTAN WOULD GIVE UP THE POTENTIAL TO MAKE NUCLEAR
WEAPONS.

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4. KISSINGER, WHO ARRIVED TONIGHT FROM AFGHANISTAN, IS TO CONFER MONDAY WITH PRIME MINISTER ZULFIQAR ALI BHUTTO.

5. REPORTERS ON KISSINGER'S PLANE WERE TOLD THAT THE FORD ADMINISTRATION, CONCERNED ABOUT THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, IS "STRONGLY AGAINST" THE RECENTLY ANNOUNCED ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN PAKISTAN AND FRANCE, THAT WOULD ENABLE THE PAKISTANIS TO USE REPROCESSED FUEL FROM THEIR NUCLEAR POWER PLANT NEAR KARACHI FOR NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

6. A SENIOR OFFICIAL ON THE PLANE SAID IT WOULD BE EXPLAINED TO BHUTTO THAT PAKISTAN COULD LOSE ITS U.S. AID, WHICH LAST YEAR AMOUNTED TO MORE THAN \$162 MILLION, UNDER LEGISLATION PASSED LAST YEAR REQUIRING THAT AID BE SUSPENDED TO ANY COUNTRY BUILDING REPROCESSING FACILITIES WITHOUT ADEQUATE SAFEGUARDS TO INSURE THAT THE FUEL WILL NOT BE PUT TO MILITARY USE.

7. THE OFFICIAL NOTED THAT PAKISTAN HAS NOT SIGNED THE NUCLEAR NONPROLIFERATION AGREEMENT, AND SAID THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT CONSIDER THE SAFEGUARDS IN THE AGREEMENT WITH FRANCE TO BE ADEQUATE.

8. IN ADDITION, HE SAID, PAKISTAN'S POSITION ON THE NUCLEAR FUEL ISSUE WOULD BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION WHEN IT SEEKS TO BUY ARMS FROM THE UNITED STATES. AN EMBARGO ON SALES TO PAKISTAN, IMPOSED AFTER THE INDO-PAKISTANI WAR OF 1971, WAS LIFTED LAST YEAR, AND PAKISTAN IS REPORTED TO BE INTERESTED IN THE A-7 JET ATTACK PLANE, WHICH CAN CARRY 15,000 POUNDS OF BOMBS AND TWO SIDEWINDER MISSILES.

9. A PAKISTANI AIR FORCE TEAM VISITED THE UNITED STATES IN APRIL TO LOOK AT FIGHTERS AND FIGHTER-BOMBERS, INCLUDING THE A-7.

10. THE SENIOR U.S. OFFICIAL NOTED THAT INDIA, PAKISTAN'S TRADITIONAL ENEMY, HAS EXPLODED A NUCLEAR WEAPON, AND SAID THE UNITED STATES IS SYMPATHETIC TO PAKISTAN'S DESIRE TO DEFEND ITSELF.

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11. KISSINGER IS VISITING ONLY FRIENDLY NATIONS ON THIS TRIP, WHICH HAS TAKEN HIM TO BRITAIN, IRAN AND AFGHANISTAN AND IS TO ALSO INCLUDE FRANCE AND THE NETHERLANDS. PAKISTAN FITS INTO THE CATEGORY OF NATIONS WHOSE TIES WITH THE UNITED STATES HAVE BEEN CLOSE, AND KISSINGER WAS WELCOMED AS A FRIEND. BUT HE AND BHUTTO, IN TOASTS AT A DINNER TONIGHT, INDICATED THAT THEY EXPECT DIFFICULT NEGOTIATIONS.

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12. BHUTTO MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE IS UNHAPPY ABOUT AMERICAN OBJECTIONS TO THE ACCORD WITH FRANCE, AND REFERRED TO A PROSPECTIVE AGREEMENT WITH IRAN ON NUCLEAR REACTORS.

13. "WHAT'S GOOD FOR THE GOOSE IS GOOD FOR THE GANDER," HE SAID.

14. HE ALSO REFERRED TO LAHORE AS "THE PLACE WHERE WE COME TO REPROCESS OURSELVES."

15. KISSINGER RESPONDED THAT DEFINITIONS OF SECURITY ARE OPEN TO INTERPRETATION AND THE CURRENT TALKS WILL EXAMINE THE ISSUE. HE SAID THE UNITED STATES WAS OBLIGED TO CONSIDER GLOBAL AS WELL AS REGIONAL SECURITY ISSUES.

16. THE ISSUE OF REPROCESSING WAS ALSO PROMINENT IN KISSINGER'S TALKS WITH THE IRANIAN OFFICIALS. IRAN IS SEEKING TO BUY SIX TO EIGHT PLANTS, AT A COST OF SEVERAL BILLION DOLLARS, BUT THE REPROCESSING ISSUE HAS HELD UP COMPLETION OF THE DEAL.

17. THE PRESS BRIEFER ON THE KISSINGER PLANE SAID TODAY THAT IRAN HAS ACCEPTED IN PRINCIPLE THE IDEA THAT IT WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO REPROCESS THE FUEL ON ITS OWN TERRITORY WITHOUT AMERICAN CONSENT. THE QUESTION THAT REMAINS TO BE SETTLED, HE SAID, IS WHO WILL PAY THE COST OF MOVING THE FUEL OUT OF IRAN AND BACK AGAIN IF THE UNITED STATES DECIDES NOT TO ALLOW IT TO BE REPROCESSED IN IRAN, AS IT PROBABLY WILL, OR TO RECLAIM THE FUEL

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ITSELF.

18. KISSINGER FLEW TO LAHORE AFTER A FOUR-HOUR STOP IN KABUL, THE AFGHAN CAPITAL, FOR TALKS WITH PRESIDENT MOHAMMED DAUD. SOURCES IN KABUL SAID THE AFGHANS REQUESTED THE VISIT BECAUSE THEY ARE SLOWLY SEEKING TO ASSERT SOME INDEPENDENCE FROM THEIR INFLUENTIAL NEIGHBOR, THE SOVIET UNION.

19. KISSINGER'S TALKS WITH BHUTTO WERE TO HAVE BEEN HELD IN ISLAMABAD, THE PAKISTANI CAPITAL, BUT MUCH OF THE NORTHERN PART OF THE COUNTRY HAS BEEN HIT BY DISASTROUS FLOODS AFTER 10 DAYS OF RAIN AND THE CAPITAL IS CUT OFF.

20. KISSINGER ISSUED A STATEMENT TONIGHT EXPRESSING

"DEEP SYMPATHY" FOR THE FLOOD VICTIMS. END TEXT. HABIB

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